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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62282 describes standard single-cell test methods for polymer electrolyte fuel cells (PEFCs). This document provides consistent and repeatable methods to test the performance of single cells. This document should be used by component manufacturers or stack manufacturers who assemble components in order to evaluate the performance of cell components, including membrane-electrode assemblies (MEAs) and flow plates. This document is also available for fuel suppliers to determine the maximum allowable impurities in fuels.

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## FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES –

### Part 7-1: Test methods – Single cell performance tests for polymer electrolyte fuel cells (PEFC)

#### 1 Scope

This document covers cell assemblies, test station setup, measuring instruments and measuring methods, performance test methods, and test reports for PEFC single cells.

This document is used for evaluating:

- a) the performance of membrane electrode assemblies (MEAs) for PEFCs in a single cell configuration;
- b) materials or structures of PEFCs in a single cell configuration; or,
- c) the influence of impurities in fuel and/or in air on the fuel cell performance.

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##### 3.1

##### **anode**

electrode (3.8) at which the oxidation of fuel (3.11) takes place

##### 3.2

##### **catalyst**

substance that accelerates (increases the rate of) a reaction without being consumed itself

Note 1 to entry: The catalyst lowers the activation energy of the reaction, allowing for an increase in the reaction rate.

##### 3.3

##### **catalyst-coated membrane**

##### **CCM**

<in a PEFC (3.24)> membrane whose surfaces are coated with a catalyst layer (3.4) to form the reaction zone of the electrode (3.8)